

other countries. That appreciation for those firefighters will be demonstrated in Congress later this week when I introduce a resolution recognizing their work, their will, and their courage.

But let that resolution also be a reminder of the work and commitment needed by all nations to not just fight fires for our safety, but to continue to fight climate change for our future.

PRESIDENT TRUMP KEEPS PROMISES

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in the December Jobs Report, job numbers remain strong. Over 140,000 jobs were added, and wages are up. The unemployment rate remains at a 50-year low at 3.5 percent. These new, consistent numbers show that President Trump is continuing his effective record of promises made, promises kept.

The December Jobs report also showed that the total employment level rose to 158.8 million—another record high. By creating jobs, lowering unemployment, increasing wages, and consistently working to promote opportunities, President Trump continues keeping his promises.

Baseless attacks on the President by Democrats and the biased fake news attempted to conceal his successes, but make no mistake: President Trump is focused to work for American families and jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Best wishes to Coach Dabo Swinney, go Clemson Tigers tonight.

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, the conventional wisdom that Speaker PELOSI and the Democrats gained nothing from the delay in sending the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate is contradicted by the results. Some Republican Senators are said to be working to assure witnesses, as Speaker PELOSI demanded.

There are 53 Republican Senators and 47 Democrats. Notwithstanding where they stand on impeachment itself, it would benefit Republican moderates and even others to avoid the stigma of unprecedented unfairness by at least allowing witnesses, which requires only a 51 percent majority. Witnesses would help mitigate Majority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL's undisguised unfairness in working directly with the White House.

As a result of the Pelosi delay, even Senator MCCONNELL now says he will follow the Clinton impeachment process. Depositions from witnesses were ultimately allowed there.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, since 2002, January has been recognized as National Mentoring Month. We should all recognize the positive impact that mentoring has on young people.

From our servicemembers at Cherry Point to the volunteers of the Winston-Salem United Way, the coaches of LifeConnections in Alexander County to the Western Youth Network in Boone, North Carolinians remain actively engaged in mentoring opportunities across my State.

According to Mentoring.org, at-risk youth who were paired with a mentor are 55 percent more likely to enroll in college; 78 percent more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities; and 130 percent more likely to hold leadership positions in their careers.

Madam Speaker, the numbers speak for themselves. Mentoring is a cornerstone of the growth and development of young people across our country.

GIPSA PROPOSED RULE

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, today the United States Department of Agriculture published its long-awaited proposed rule to fix the Packers and Stockyards Act to address institutional bias against small livestock and poultry farmers.

For decades I have fought alongside our livestock and poultry farmers to ensure their hard work is respected and standards exacted by their processing firms were fair and honest. Unfortunately, small producers have been taken advantage of, retaliated against, marginalized legally in favor of larger meatpackers, swine contractors, and poultry companies, and forced to swallow opaque contracts just to pay their bills.

The proposed rule falls short to address their very serious grievances. Once again, this administration is happy setting minimal, powder-puff requirements that sidestep hardworking families in favor of mega-business integrators.

Let us continue to work hard to improve the proposed rule to ensure that those who feed America get a fair shake and are treated right by all of America.

GLASSTOWN PRODUCTIONS

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, today I want to acknowledge the Millville-based production company, Glasstown Productions in south Jersey.

Glasstown Productions is an exemplary company that has excelled in telling their clients' stories through film. Their work has been recognized by the Dog Film Festival, CinemaFest, and the International Christian Film and Music Festival.

Under the leadership of CEO Robert Penza and Creative Director Jason Penza, Glasstown has brought home multiple awards and recognitions to the State of New Jersey and, most proudly, to south Jersey.

Last year Glasstown Productions was honored with a Gold Telly Award for its film, "Ask Seek Knock: The Story of Brianna Wittman."

Glasstown Productions is just one example of the opportunities to build something great in south Jersey. The coveted Gold Telly Award speaks to the quality of work being produced in our district, and I commend Glasstown Productions for their excellent accomplishments. We are truly, sincerely and extremely proud of them and what they have accomplished.

CELEBRATING VILLAGE EXCHANGE CENTER

(Mr. CROW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the third anniversary of the Village Exchange Center in Aurora, Colorado.

Founded in 2017, the Village Exchange Center has become a thriving, collaborative nonprofit and a home for immigrants, refugees, and community members throughout the Aurora-Denver metro area.

In Aurora, we recognize that our diversity is our strength. In our public schools alone, over 150 languages are spoken by students. This is where VEC comes in, helping build bridges between the multiple cultures, faiths, and nationalities that now call Colorado home.

This year VEC is embarking on an ambitious new initiative called Village Farms at Stanley, a vertical farm near Stanley Marketplace. Village Farm will help empower diverse, intergenerational communities through education, training, food, and farming.

On its third anniversary, I wish VEC continued success in bringing people together in paving the way toward health and economic opportunities for our diverse communities. Together, we can build a vibrant community.

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RECOGNIZING ZENA CARDMAN

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the achievements of Zena Cardman, a resident of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District who just became one of America's newest astronauts.